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For: PREVENTION OF HIV-1 INFECTION BY

INHIBITION OF RHO-MEDIATED

REORGANIZATION AND/OR CONTENT ALTERATION OF CELL MEMBRANE RAFT

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATION CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE

SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

MS Sequence Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, dated September 7, 2006. Applicants are submitting their response herewith within the two-month response period set to expire on November 7, 2006. A copy of the Notice to Comply is attached herewith.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has taken the position that the previous "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form did not comply with the requirements of Sections 1.821-1.825 for the stated reasons that the source of the genetic material was improperly described. Submitted herewith in connection with the above-referenced patent application is a substitute, computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing that corrects the defects. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is also submitted herewith. The paper and diskette copies contain the same

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material. Kindly replace the current sequence listing with the amended version attached hereto. No new matter has been added to the substitute Sequence Listing.

Applicants respectfully request the above-referenced patent application be placed upon the files for examination.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21910-00016-US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: November 7, 2006

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NOTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file the items indicated below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment specifically directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825 (d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821 (e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.
- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.822 and/or 1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked -up "Raw Sequence Listing." Applicant must provide a substitute computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d).

Applicant is cautioned that correction of the above items may cause the specification and drawings page count to exceed 100 pages. If the specification and drawings exceed 100 pages, applicant will need to submit the required application size fee.

For questions regarding compliance to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 requirements, please contact:

- For Rules Interpretation, call (571) 272-0951
- For Patentin Software Program Help, call Patent EBC at 1-866-217-9197 or directly at 703-305-3028 /

703-308-6845 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12 midnight, Monday through Friday, EST.

• Send e-mail correspondence for Patentin Software Program Help @ ebc@uspto.gov

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.

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